



Sunset School Park Community Garden

Are you a Shoreline resident who is interested in gardening but live somewhere with limited space or sunlight? If so, you may be the perfect candidate for adopting a community garden plot at Sunset School Park.

Answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:

Where is Sunset School Park? The park is located at 17800 10th Avenue NW in Shoreline. The garden will be constructed in the northwest corner of the park near the north parking lot.

Do I have to live or own property in Shoreline? Yes.

How large is a plot? Standard plots will be 10'x10' and accessible plots for those with limited mobility will be 4'x10'.

Are the plots raised or in the ground? Plots will be 16" raised beds. Accessible plots will be raised to the height of 27" to accommodate those with wheelchairs.

How much does it cost to adopt a plot? \$30.00 for a standard 10'x10' plot or \$20.00 for a 4'x10' accessible plot. Unfortunately we cannot offer senior discounts or other scholarships at this time.

Can I adopt more than one plot? To accommodate as many people as possible, please limit your application to one plot per household.

How will I be notified about the status of my plot application? Parks Department staff will contact all applicants by phone or email by the middle of March 2014.

When will plots be available for gardening? You should be able to get your hands in the soil by mid- April.

Is water included in the plot fee?
The City will provide and pay for water.

Is there a restroom nearby? There is a portable restroom at the park. It is centrally located near the covered play structure.

Are tools available and is there a safe place to store them? A garden shed will be provided and will be secured. Large tools, hoses and other necessary garden equipment will be available for community use. Gardeners are encouraged to purchase and maintain their own small garden hand tools.



Is there a place for composting? Composting bins will be constructed by the garden plot owners after the plots are constructed and will be available for use this summer. The City will provide the materials for the compost bin construction.

What is my responsibility for the garden as a whole? Since this is a “community” garden, every gardener is required to volunteer 8 hours per season to help maintain the communal areas of the garden in order to keep it functioning smoothly and looking beautiful. Working together to maintain common areas of the garden builds a sense of community and pride in the care and creation of a healthy community place.

How will the garden be constructed? City staff and Earth Corps volunteers will be constructing key elements of the garden in late January, February and March. These improvements include: installing water lines and hydrants, building the raised beds and gravel pathways, and adding soil amendments.

Will there be an on-site garden coordinator? Parks Department staff will provide administrative coordination of the garden. We will be seeking volunteers to form an oversight committee for the day-to-day operations of the garden. An informational meeting will be scheduled once all plot holders have been identified.

I'm sold! How can I get a plot? The application period begins Monday, February 3rd and ends at 5:00 p.m. on February 21st. A lottery will be held at the Spartan Recreation Center Cascade Room at 5:30p.m. on Monday, February 24th to determine who will receive a plot. All are welcome to attend but you do not have to be present to be awarded a plot if your name is drawn. Once all plots are filled, remaining applicants have the option of being placed on a waiting list for future openings.

Applications can be obtained in the following ways beginning February 3rd:

- online at shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden
- at the Spartan Recreation Center located at 202 NE 185th St
- at the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department on the fourth floor of City Hall located at 17500 Midvale Ave. N
- at the Richmond Highlands Recreation Center located at 16554 Fremont Ave. N

Applications should be mailed or hand-delivered to the following address on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21st to be eligible for the lottery:

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
17500 Midvale Ave. N.
Shoreline, WA 98133
Attn: Sunset Community Garden

Please do **NOT** include payment with your application. The fee will be collected once you are awarded a plot.

Do you have additional questions? Contact Lynn at lpeterson@shorelinewa.gov, (206) 801-2602 or visit our website at shorelinewa.gov/communitygarden.